



Adopt A Road Frequently Asked Questions

1. What are the benefits for me to adopt a road?

By adopting a road you are doing your part as a Montgomery County Citizen by cleaning up the community.

2. How do I find which roads are available?

There is a candidate list that tells shows which roads are available or you could call the community Outreach Hotline at 240-777-7155

3. How many roads am I allowed to adopt at one time?

Only one road segment (one mile in length) per individual or group is allowed to be adopted. Exceptions will be considered based on the needs of the program.

4. Does adopting a road cost me money?

No cost at all!

5. Do I get tax breaks because I have adopted a road?

Sorry no

6. Can I get Community Service hours by help cleaning the road?

By participating in cleaning the road you can get hours

7. How do I get a sign?

The sign is provided with the road. You are not allowed to put up phone numbers or emails

8. How do I know if I am eligible for adopting a road?

- The Adopt-A-Road Program is open to individuals, nonprofit or civic organizations, businesses, and governmental entities. Organizations, businesses, and governmental entities that wish to participate in the Program must be located within Montgomery County or conduct substantial activities within Montgomery County.
- Individuals, organizations, and businesses that do not comply with Montgomery County's nondiscrimination laws are ineligible.
- Team coordinators must be at least 21 years old. Individuals 16 years or younger should be supervised by an adult.
- An individual who wants to participate in the Program must sign the application form and provide his or her name and address.
- The County reserves the right to contact any of the people named on the application to verify participation and to contact the individuals in the absence of the team coordinator.
- An officer, manager, director, or principal of any business or governmental entity wanting to participate in the program must sign the application form and provide his or her name, address and email address.
- Participation in the program confers no rights or privileges upon any person or entity. Montgomery County, in its sole discretion, may refuse to allow any person, organization, business, or entity to participate in the Program. Use of the sign in commercial, social or political literature of any kind is prohibited. Violation of this prohibition will be considered cause for termination.
- All participants in the Program hereby release Montgomery County and its agents and employees from any liability for damages or injuries resulting from their participation in the Program. The individual, organization, business, or entity that adopts a road agrees to indemnify and hold Montgomery County harmless for any injuries, damages, or claims arising from the Program.
- The individual, organization, business, or entity that joins the Adopt-A-Road program agrees to notify all his or her team participants of the foregoing terms.

9. What happens if I fail to meet the requirements for the road?

Montgomery County reserves the right to reassign an adopted road should it receive three or more complaints within six months about the road's condition regarding litter or for other reasons at its sole discretion.

10. Who would I call if I experience any problems while maintaining the roads?

Call community Outreach Hotline at 240-777-7155

11. How often do I need to clean the road?

At a minimum, we request you clean your road segment six (6) times per year. Participants should inform the Community Outreach program each time they clean their road segment.

12. Once I've cleaned the road, how do I arrange for the trash to be picked up?

Small amounts of litter (2-3 bags) should be disposed through your normal trash collection. Larger amounts (4 or more bags) or large items that you cannot handle can be hauled away by MCDOT's Highway Maintenance Section. Call them at 240-777-6000 **before** your cleanup to schedule an Adopt-A-Road trash pick up.

13. What do I do if I find large items such as appliances or tires?

Call MCDOT's Customer Service line at 240-777-6000. Be sure and identify yourself as an Adopt A Road volunteer.

14. What do I do if I find animal carcasses on the road?

Animal carcasses seen along a County road should be reported to the Montgomery County Animal Shelter at **240-773-5960** or **240-773-5925**, Monday through Saturday 10:00am-5:00pm. They will pick up any animal larger than a possum. For carcasses lying within 15 feet of a State road, call the MSHA at **301-948-2477** for the western portion of the County and for the eastern portion of the County **301-572-5166**.

15. Does the county provide supplies for me to clean the road?

Safety vests, gloves, trash bags, and sun visors are available upon request and can be picked up from our office at 101 Monroe Street, 10th floor, Rockville, MD, or in some cases mailed to you in small quantities. Call the Community Outreach office or email to schedule an appointment for pick up or arrange for a mailing.

16. Is there any recommended equipment beyond what the county provides?

Long sleeve shirt, pants (jeans), strong sole shoes, gloves, first aid, and or any other appliance that you feel is essential.

17. How long is my commitment for?

You can continue taking care of a road for as long as you like.

18. What if I am unable to continue cleaning the roads?

Should you become unable to continue in the program, please notify the Community Outreach office by phone (240-777-7155) or email mcdot.outreach@montgomerycountymd.gov.

19. Where can I apply?

Follow this [link](#) to fill out the application